

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/601,192	ALBERT, JEAN-PAUL
	Examiner Kiran B. Patel	Art Unit 3612

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Kiran B. Patel. (3) _____
 (2) Mr. Safran. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 17 November 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: See attached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant will file follow on papers where the claims, figures and the specification will be consistant.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

KB Patel 11-17-04
 KIRAN PATEL
 PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

 Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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: Examiner: Kiran B. Patel

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: Group Art Unit: 3612

Filed: June 23, 2003

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For: GLASS ROOF FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE :

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office: Fax No. (703) 872-9306 on November 17, 2004.

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Proposed AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is presented in response to the final Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A glass roof, assembly, comprising a roof support surface bounding a roof opening and ~~the roof having~~ a glass pane for closing the roof opening that is provided with an inner peripheral surface for cementing to the roof support surface, wherein at least part of the inner peripheral surface at an underside of the glass pane is coated with a material forming at least one compensation part with an outside surface engaging on an upper side of the roof support surface and which compensates for any faults, discontinuities or irregularities in said inner peripheral surface, the outside surface of the compensation material running essentially parallel to and being positioned relative to a corresponding section of the roof support surface in a manner defining a space of substantially constant height between said outside surface of the compensation material and said roof support surface for receiving a cement layer of constant thickness.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein each coated part has at least one projecting part which is made as a calibration stop, with a height which corresponds to the desired cement thickness of the cement layer.

4. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 3, wherein there are calibration stops along each coated compensation part at uniform intervals.

5. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 4, wherein a darkening device which can be deployed parallel to the inside surface of the glass pane is provided.

6. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein there are calibration stops along each coated part at uniform intervals.

7. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein a darkening device which can be deployed parallel to the inside surface of the glass pane is provided.

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BASIS FOR CLAIM 1 IN SPECIFICATION

1. A glass roof assembly, comprising a roof support surface bounding a roof opening and the roof having a glass pane for closing the roof opening that is provided with an inner peripheral surface for cementing to the roof support surface,

Paragraph [0008], page 2: "a primary object of this invention is to provide a glass roof for closing an opening in a motor vehicle roof; the opening being bordered by a stop which is used as a support surface, in which a glass pane has an inner peripheral edge which is suited for cementing to the indicated support surface."

Paragraph [0020], page 3: "The glass roof 1 shown in Figure 1 is designed to close an opening provided in a motor vehicle roof. This opening is bordered, in the conventional manner, by a stop which forms the support surface, and the roof has a glass pane 2 with an inner peripheral surface 3 which can be cemented to the indicated support surface."

wherein at least part of the inner peripheral surface of the glass pane is coated with a material forming at least one compensation part with an outside surface engaging on the roof support surface

Paragraph [0008], page 2: "This object is achieved in that at least part of the inner peripheral surface of the glass pane is coated with a material with an outside surface which is to be opposite the support surface running essentially parallel to the corresponding section of the indicated support surface."

Paragraph [0021], page 3: "According to the invention, at least part of the inner peripheral surface 3 of the glass pane 2 is coated with a material 4a, 4b with an outside surface 5a, 5b which is intended to be opposite the support surface."

and which compensates for any faults, discontinuities or irregularities in said inner peripheral surface, the outside surface of the compensation material running essentially parallel to and being positioned relative to a corresponding section of the roof support surface in a manner defining a space of substantially constant height between said outside

surface of the compensation material and said roof support surface for receiving a cement layer of constant thickness.

Paragraph [0009], page 2: "The object is thus, depending on the location of the slope, to equalize flatness faults and/or discontinuities of the support surface and/or overly great irregularities in the distance between the inner peripheral surface and the indicated support surface."

Paragraph [0012], page 2: Here, a fixed connection between the inner peripheral surface and the support surface is attempted by applying a constant thickness of mounting cement to secure the mounting and perfect tightness.

Paragraph [0022], page 4: "A coated part 6a, 6b thus allows equalization of any deviation in parallelism and/or in the distance between the inner peripheral surface 3 and the support surface. Cementing can thus be advantageously produced with a constant cement thickness to achieve a fixed connection and optimum tightness."